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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2004, kindly consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are all the claims pending in the application. These claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the "admitted prior art" in view of Thronton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,257).

With respect to the claims, the Examiner alleges that the "prior art" (portions of the present application) shows in Fig. 11, a solid state laser diode comprising a laser diode 1 for exciting a solid laser medium and a constant current source 10 for supplying a constant current to the diode 1. The Examiner acknowledges that the "prior art" does not disclose the voltage